

was the war; there is not a child of ten years of age in Canada who does not know that it was the war; and hon. gentlemen opposite well know it is the war.

Now, the taxation proposed is the minimum measure which the Government could adopt unless it deliberately shirked its financial responsibilities. I say further that even if the \$10,000,000 that my hon. friend from Halifax, according to the hon. member for St. John City said should be cut off, or even if \$20,000,000 could be cut off the policy still is to raise money by additional taxation in order that the finances of this country may be dealt with in a proper way and that our debts may not increase at too rapid a rate. I have some regard for those who are coming after me; and I say it is the bounden duty of the people of this country—and I know they will discharge that duty willingly, loyally, patriotically—to meet the very moderate taxation having regard to the responsibilities we are assuming, that this Government is imposing in order that we may pay a share of the expenditures devolving upon the Government immediately or indirectly due to this war.

At six o'clock the House took recess.

MR. WHITE RESUMES HIS SPEECH.

The House resumed a eight o'clock.

Mr. WHITE (resuming): Before resuming my argument, I desire, in compliance with the request of my hon. friend the junior member for Halifax, to place upon Hansard details of the expenditure for the years 1906-7 and 1907-8, the last being the year in which, according to his own statement, the hon. member for St. John City (Mr. Pugsley) made his historic sacrifice. I stated this afternoon that I would supply the information, and that it would not be particularly comforting to the hon. member for St. John City.

This afternoon I gave the total expenditures for the years 1907 and 1907-8. In order that the record may be complete, perhaps it would not be out of place for me to mention the figures again. The fiscal year 1906-7 was one of only nine months; during that period the total consolidated revenue fund expenditure was \$51,000,000. Add one-third for the three months omitted, and you have \$68,000,000 as the approximate expenditure on consolidated revenue fund account for the fiscal year 1906-7 if it had been of the ordinary period of twelve months. For 1907-8 the consolidated fund expenditure was \$76,000,000 and for 1908-9 \$84,000,000.

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN: What was the expenditure for 1909-10, which was the year the Finance Minister cut down his ordinary expenditure?

Mr. WHITE: I beg my hon. friend's pardon; it was in 1907 that the financial stringency occurred in this country, and it was in the following year that the Minister of Finance attempted to cut down the expenditure. But the figures for 1909-10 are just as strongly against my hon. friend as those for 1908-9, because if we assume that the consolidated fund expenditure for 1906-7 was \$68,000,000, then for 1909-10 it would be \$79,000,000.

Mr. MACLEAN: How much less than that of the preceding year?